आयोजित की जाती हैं । कार्य-निष्पादन को सुधारने के निमित्त राज्य सरकारों/नगर निगमों के लिए प्रोत्साहन पुरस्कार प्रतिपादित किए गए हैं ।

चूंकि स्वच्छता राज्य का विषय है, मानव को सिर पर मैला ढोने के काम में लगाने को एक भावी तारीख से दण्डनीय अपराध बनाने के लिए एक केन्द्रीय कानून हेतु प्रस्ताव राज्य सरकारों के साथ उठाया जा रहा है ।

**Spurt in child trafficking**

1641. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report of the Geneva based, Defence for Children International which appeared in 'the Tribune' dated April 8, 1992 to the effect that there has been a global spurt in child trafficking, involving trafficking and sale of children from Asia and Latin America to foreig ners ;

(b) if so, what is the number of Indian children adopted by foreigners during 1990 and 1991 ; and

(c) what steps are taken to ensure that these children are not abused by the adopting parents ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the records available, the number of Indian children taken abroad for adoption during 1990 and 1991 are given below:—

| Year | Number of children taken abroad for adoption |
|---|---|
| 1990 . . . . . | 1,272 |
| 1991 . . . . . | 1,190 |

(c) (i) As per the judgement of the Supreme Court, in the case of Laxmi Kant Pandey Vs. Union of India, an order to be made by the courts for guardianship is to include a condition that the foreigner appointed as guardian of an Indian child shall submit to the court and also to the social/child welfare agency in India, which processed the application of the foreign national for guardianship, progress report of the child together with a recent photograph quarterly for the first two years and thereafter half-yearly for the subsequent three years.

(ii) The foreign social/child welfare agency sponsoring the application must also undertake that in case of disruption of the family of foreigner before adoption is ellected according to the law of the land, it will take care of the child and find a suitable alternative placement for it with the approval of the concerned social or child welfare agency in India and report such alternative placement to the court handling the guardianship proceedings and such information shall be passed on both by the court as also by the concerned social or child welfare agency in India to the Secretary, Ministry of Welfare, Government of India.

(iii) Indian Diplomatic Missions abroad have been as per directive of the Supreme Court, requested to keep an unobtrusive watch on the well-being of Indian children taken abroad for adoption.

**अनुसूचित जातियों की सूची में नई जातियां शामिल करने के लिये अभ्यावेदन**

1642. श्री रामनरेश यादव : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अनुसूचित जातियों की सूची में नई जातियों को शामिल करने हेतु सरकार के पास विचारार्थ लम्बित पड़े अभ्यावेदनों की राज्य-वार संख्या कितनी है तथा ऐसी जातियों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) सरकार उन पर कब तक निर्णय लेने का विचार रखती है ?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : (क) अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति की मौजूदा सूचियों में समुदायों को शामिल करने के लिए राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों/संगठनों/संघों/संसद-सदस्यों/विधान सभा सदस्यों और व्यक्तियों आदि से बड़ी संख्या में अभ्यावेदन, सिफारिशें/सुझाव निरन्तर प्राप्त होते रहते हैं।

(ख) चूंकि अनुसूचित जातियों की विद्यमान सूचियों में कोई भी संशोधन संविधान के अनुच्छेद 341(2) के अंतर्गत केवल संसद के अधिनियम द्वारा ही किया जा सकता है, अतः कोई निश्चित समय नहीं बताया जा सकता है।

**Cunference of Chief Ministers on reservation for SEBCs**

1643. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :
SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA :
SHRI SOM PAL : SHRIMATI MIRA DAS : SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Conference of the Chief Ministers/Governors, Lt. Governors was convened to evolve an acceptable economic criteria for the reservation of jobs for socially and educationally backward classes (SEBCs) and other economically backward sections of people ;

(b) whether the conference failed to reach any consensus or formulate ;

(c) if so, what were the views expressed in the conference ; and

(d) in what manner Government pro pose to resolve this important issue ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) A Conference of Chief Ministers/Governors (of States under the President's Rule) and Lt. Governors was convened on 10th April, 1992 by the Prime Minister to determine the economic criteria for identifying poorer sections among Socially and Educationally Backward Classes and other economically Backward sections not covered by any existing scheme of reservation in the context of reservation in civil posts and services under Government of India to be filled through direct recruitment.

(b) Diverse views were expressed by the States.

(c) Bihar and Tamil Nadu were not agreeable to the application of the economic criteria for SEBCs for reservation in civil posts and services to be filled through direct recruitment under the Central Government. West Bengal was agreeable to reservation based on economic criteria but not on the basis of social and educational backwardness.

(d) A decision will be arrived at after careful consideraton.

**Karnataka's request for financing of irrigation projects**

@ 1643-A. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased toy state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka Government had requested for financing of irrigation projects of national importance and if so, what are the details of the proposals received, indicating by when this was received and what is its present position;

(b) whether it is also a fact that permission was sought for issue of bonds for rising the needed funds ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHAR AN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) Requests were made by the Government of Karnataka in May, 1990

@ Previously Unstarred Question 747 transferred from 5th May, 1992.